

# PROSECUTOR REOPENS CASE OF SLAIN MODEL AS MAYOR TAKES HAND IN INQUIRY

District Attorney Turns to New Suspect—Less Sure Lewis Was Murderer.

HOLDS A 'CONFERENCE.'

Detectives and Friends of Girl Present—Latter's Brother Sees the Mayor.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—District Attorney Rotan this afternoon held a conference with the detectives who have been trying to find the slayer of Miss Colbert, known as Grace Roberts, and several men well acquainted with the slain model. His action in reopening the case indicates he is not entirely satisfied now that the suicide of Bernard W. Lewis in Atlantic City cleared up the mystery, as he announced Saturday.

Those who took part in the conference were: Charles Kaler, the wealthy brewer of Mahanoy City, Pa., whose name has been connected with the case from the start because of his known fondness for Miss Roberts; and the costly presents he lavished upon her; C. Emory Titman, a man in comfortable circumstances, who has been in the company of Miss Roberts; Magistrate Harry Imber, who admits he knew the dead model, but who denied the story circulated by the police that she had pawned her jewelry to buy him a Christmas present; Capt. Tate, head of the Detective Bureau, and Detectives Farrell, Hodge, Callahan and Mahoney.

Mayor Smith's announcement of his intention to take a personal hand in the investigation following a visit today from the dead woman's brother, and the insistence of the Colbert family that they do not believe Lewis killed the model, are believed to be responsible for the conference.

DEAD GIRL'S SISTER TELLS POLICE OF HINTS.

District Attorney Rotan and Capt. Tate are said to be determined that the story told yesterday by the dead woman's sister to the effect that an admirer had threatened Miss Roberts' life when she failed to return a diamond ring he had given her shall be disposed of for all time. This was one of the first stories investigated and dropped by the detectives.

After her visit to the police Miss Colbert, the sister, said:

"I told the detectives that a friend of a man that the whole family knows to have been very intimate with Grace had come to us, and said he had heard this intimate say he would get back a ring he had given Grace if he had to choke her. I know that this man has been insanely jealous of Grace, and threatened several times to 'get' her. He was infatuated with her. I have another witness that overheard him saying he would 'get' her."

"I went to the Wilton Apartments and found a bunch of keys in the flat where Grace died. I don't believe they belonged to Lewis, who killed himself. But they may belong to this man. I know all the friends Grace had, and can give the detectives the names of all of them if they want them."

One of the first things that upset the police theory was that Lewis had written at least three letters to his wife and others in Pittsburgh sev-

eral weeks ago, announcing that he was going to end his life. The burden of his excuse was that he had made a mess of his life and "there is no way out but one."

It now appears there is no conclusive evidence that Lewis ever knew Grace Roberts. Two persons say, according to the police, that Grace Roberts introduced them to Lewis a year ago, but they had never seen him before or since, and they might be mistaken. None of Grace Roberts' family or friends had ever heard her mention Lewis, although she talked freely of her friends.

It is now admitted no one saw Lewis go into the Roberts apartment at the time he left a taxi waiting outside the building where she lived. No one even saw him go into the building. He merely went round the corner and disappeared.

FOUND NO 'MARKS OF TEETH' ON SUICIDE'S HANDS.

Also it is claimed in Pittsburgh dispatches that the "marks of teeth" on the dead man's hands, as described by the police, were found not to exist when the body was closely examined. There is a hotel clerk who saw Lewis's hands when he registered after the murder, and a girl who maneuvered his hands at the Bellevue-Stratford, who say he had no noticeable marks on his hands. Other claims of the police overthrown by investigation are that a portiere cord found in Lewis's effects was from Grace Roberts' apartment.

But even when the case seemed strongest against Lewis, there was no motive established. It was thought he might have taken the missing diamond ring. If he did there was nothing to show for it. No evidence was found he pawned it, and when he had had to borrow \$10 after reaching Atlantic City.

Lawyer Goes From Pittsburgh to Protect Lewis's Name.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 8.—Robert J. Dadds, member of a Pittsburgh law firm and close friend of the family of Wenman A. Lewis, was on his way to Philadelphia today to co-operate with representatives of the aged coal broker there, investigating the death of Bernard Wesley Lewis, whose suicide has been linked with the murder of Miss Colbert, known as Grace Roberts.

The Lewis family and friends today express belief that Bernard Lewis's suicide was an hysterical act, and not a virtual "admission of guilt" that he killed the model.

MORE AMERICANS KILLED.

Three Dead Among Canadian Forces, Others Ill and Wounded.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Jan. 8.—The names of the following former residents of the United States appear in the Canadian overnight casualties:

Killed in action—Private F. Eldredge, St. Louis, Mo.; Private J. Urquhart, Waltham, Mass.; Sergeant G. Ingham, New York.

Wounded—Private J. Horne, Austin, Tex.

Dangerous Ill—Lance Sergeant W. Page, San Diego, Cal.

Seriously wounded—Lance Corporal O. Kelson, Driscoll, N. D.

CANADIAN LOSS 68,290.

Of These 55,857 Occurred in 1916—10,544 Killed.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 8.—Casualties to the Canadian forces to the end of December aggregate 68,290, made up as follows: Killed, 10,544; died of wounds, 1,092; died of sickness, 491; presumed dead, 1,198; wounded, 48,454; missing, 2,979.

Of this number 55,837 casualties occurred in 1916.

Cuba's \$2,100,000 Suit Against North Carolina Withdrawn.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Cuba's suit in the Supreme Court against North Carolina to collect \$2,100,000 on State bonds issued during the reconstruction period and repudiated as fraudulent, was today withdrawn. Private bondholders were acting through Cuba.

## Efficiency Specialists Summoned To Tell Housekeepers How to Fight High Cost of Living Scientifically



Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer

Mr. Efficiency on the stand

Leaders in Social Life Grapple With Evils That Afflict Poor as Well as Themselves by Organizing a "Confession Conventicle of Housekeepers" Where Experts Who Know All About It Will Answer All Questions Put to Them.

Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

New York is to have a new kind of experience meeting—a confession conventicle of housekeepers.

Women from all over the city will meet at the Hotel Astor, on the afternoon of Jan. 23, to tell of their struggles with the Evil One, the High Cost of Living, and to receive advice and encouragement from the modern minister of grace, the "expert." There will be present twenty-four specialists of national distinction, including national and State officials, professors from Yale, Columbia, Cornell and Pratt Institute, directors of housekeeping associations and hotel chefs, to answer every question propounded by the women on the subjects of food, clothing, the house and household management.

An interesting feature of this experience meeting is that it has been arranged by a committee of wealthy and socially prominent women, among whom are Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, daughter of the late J. P. Morgan; Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. H. H. Flagler, Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer, Mrs. Caldwell Jones, Mrs. Arthur Dodge, Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. William R. Shepherd, Mrs. Frederic B. Pratt, Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, Mrs. H. Hobart Porter, Mrs. Leonard R. Schoenfeld, Mrs. Arthur Lehman. But though these rich women are not ashamed to avow themselves interested in the problems of the housewife, the conference at the Astor is to be a thoroughly public and democratic affair. Moreover, the proceeds of it will be used to carry on the work of the Home Economics Committee of the National Special Aid Society, of which the slogan is, "The home is the first line of defense."

MRS. MEYER PROMISES PATRONS THEIR MONEY'S WORTH.

"What every woman ought to know, and probably doesn't, really sums up the programme for our experience meeting," Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer, Chairman of the Home Economics Committee, told me. Mrs. Meyer is the former of Barnard College and well known as a dramatist and a shrewd student of social and domestic problems. "The price of a ticket to the meeting will be \$2, and I personally agree to refund the money to every housewife who attends and who feels that she hasn't received her money's worth."

"No such congress of distinguished authorities has ever before been brought together for the benefit of the housewife. At the Experience Meeting she will meet face to face and will have the chance to interrogate the men and women who can give her the latest, most definite, most efficient information about every branch of her great profession of home-making. There will be no formal, wordy speeches. But any woman may rise from the floor and ask any question she likes about domestic problems, with the assurance that she will receive an answer from the best qualified expert."

"But what sort of questions may be asked?" I inquired. "Can't you give me some examples?"

"Here are some written ones already received by the committee at its rooms, No. 259 Fifth Avenue," replied Mrs. Meyer. "These will certainly be answered at the experience

meeting: 'How can I save coal?' 'How can I make my home dinners as attractive as those served in restaurants?' 'How can I remove stains from garments?' 'What can I do to refurbish my old furniture?' 'How can I tell pure linen and pure woolen from adulterated fabrics?' 'What is the matter with skim milk?' 'When should I give my child meat?'

EXPERT CELEBRITIES WILL ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

"Questions are invited regarding the nutritive values, the economy, the high cost and the chemistry of food; regarding meat substitutes, markets, transportation, preserving, canning, and eliminating the middleman. Commissioner Dillon and Commissioner Hartigan will be on the platform, and other food authorities who will answer queries are Dr. Charles F. Laing, a physician, and Dr. J. H. Laing, a chemist, both of the United States Bureau of Agriculture; Prof. Lafayette Mendel of Yale University; Miss May Van Arsdale, assistant professor of household arts at Teachers' College, and Monsieur Panchard, chef at the Hotel McAlpin.

"Clothing problems that will be taken up include economy of dress, ready-made clothing, the ethics of shopping and the question of stabilizing the costume. Alfred Chas. who planned and opened the Housekeeping Experiment Station in Stamford, Conn.; Dr. James Parton Haney, director of art for the New York high schools, and Miss Mary Quinn, supervisor in design at Pratt Institute, will reply to questions about the up-to-date, efficient, labor-saving devices, interior decoration, furniture and the low cost of beauty in the home."

"Part Time Service," as a hopeful solution of the servant problem, will be explained to inquirers by Mrs. Anna Hedges Talbot, adviser and inspector of the New York State Department of Education; Mrs. Louise Olsen, Superintendent of the Women's Department of the State Department of Labor, and Miss Hendrix Root, Secretary of the Commission on Household Employment of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

"The household budget, keeping accounts, daily routine, methods of work, laundry and economy of fuel are other problems of domestic management concerning which questions are encouraged."

LEARNING HOW TO MAKE A DOLLAR DO A DOLLAR'S WORK.

"And all this is knowledge every woman should have," Mrs. Meyer continued earnestly. "For years some of us have been trying to

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## MACKENSEN TAKES ROUMANIAN TOWN; 3,910 PRISONERS

Teutonic Armies Push Ahead Toward Sereth River in Southern Moldavia.

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (by wireless to Sayville).—The Russians and Roumanians were dislodged yesterday from strongly fortified positions over a considerable front in Southern Moldavia, the War Office announces. The important Roumanian town of Fokshani has been captured, and 3,910 prisoners taken.

[The struggle for possession of the line of the Sereth, in Southern Moldavia, has centered lately in the vicinity of Fokshani, midway between the Danube and the Moldavian frontier mountains. Field Marshal von Mackensen, in his effort to break the Russian centre, delivered a thrust nine miles northwest of Fokshani, where Berlin yesterday reported the capture of the summit of Mount Odebecht, a commanding height. In one month Mackensen's army has forced its way nearly 100 miles since the capture of Bucharest.]

Following is the text of the War Office's statement: "Front of Archduke Joseph: Despite a snowstorm and severe cold weather, we again pushed back the enemy before the Putna and Otzu Valleys."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: Jan. 7 brought another great success to the Ninth Army, especially to the victorious German and Austro-Hungarian troops of Generals Kraft, von Dellmeppen and von Morgen. They threw back the Roumanians and Russians from the strongly fortified main mass of Mount Odebecht to the Putna."

"Further south, the Milcov position, which had been constructed in October, and was now tenaciously defended, was captured by storm and in hand to hand fighting. Pushing beyond, we gave the enemy no time to settle himself in his second line on the canal between Fokshani and Vareseta. This position also was pierced, and, pressing further, we crossed the road from Fokshani to Holotesti."

"This morning Fokshani was captured. From the captured fortifications 3,910 prisoners, three cannon and several machine-guns were brought in."

GREEKS DODGE ISSUE IN REPLY TO ENTENTE

Hand in a Statement Which Neither Accepts Nor Rejects Entente Note.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Reuters' Athens correspondent says the Greek Government has handed to the diplomatic representatives of the Entente a series of statements in response to the last note of the allies.

These statements are neither a refusal nor an acceptance of the Entente note, but point out difficulties in the way of compliance with some of the terms.

An Athens despatch last Saturday said the Greek Government had decided to reject certain clauses of the Entente note, which demands reparation for the recent outbreak at Athens in which Entente soldiers were fired on.

## ALLIES OCCUPY GERMAN TRENCHES ON ARRAS FRONT

Penetrate First, Second and Third Lines for Length of 2,000 Yards.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Jan. 8.—One of the strangest incidents of the war was the Scotch-English raid southeast of Arras on Saturday.

First, second and third line German trenches were entered almost unopposed. The stormers declare that despite "S O S" flares the Germans did not receive reinforcements or artillery aid. Those in the trenches suddenly disappeared in the dugouts, which the British bombed and blew up along the 2,000 yards of front involved.

A Scottish officer who participated in the raid declared he did not see a German, and did not hear a machine gun nor a sniper's rifle—although he sat on the parapet of an enemy third line trench, smoked a cigarette, and strolled leisurely back to his own trenches.

The raid followed a five-hour smashing bombardment and was executed under cover of a smoke as well as shell-fire barrage.

Officers of the Portuguese expeditionary force have arrived here preparatory to fighting on the western front and are tackling enthusiastically their new problems.

Presence of these Portuguese officers in France marks the beginning of Portugal's actual participation in fighting activities.

It is understood the Portuguese forces are plentifully equipped with 75-millimetre field guns, these batter-

ies regularly constituting a part of the Portuguese division formations.

Berlin Reports Loss of Six Air Planes By Allies.

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (by wireless to Sayville).—Six airplanes were lost by the Entente forces yesterday on the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced in today's statement on operations in that war area.

On the Yser front, in the Tysen salient and north of the Somme temporarily lively artillery duels developed.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Patrol engagements occurred last night in the regions of Bouchaventa, on the Somme front, and of Parroy Forest, in the Lorraine. Otherwise there was little activity.

GERMAN WEEKLY RATION OF POTATOES REDUCED

Nation Is Now Dependent on Own Resources for Milk and Butter.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8.—The Frankfurter Zeitung asserts Germany is almost entirely dependent on her own resources for milk and butter, while homemade cheese has almost entirely disappeared.

The Cologne Gazette reports further restrictions on potatoes in the Düsseldorf industrial district, the weekly ration being fixed at three pounds, with four pounds of kohlrabi. The Essen municipality has protested against the reduction from five pounds.

NEW RUSSIAN GAINS ON THE RIGA FRONT

Berlin Admits Czar's Troops Have Followed Up Success of Jan. 5.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 8.—Russian forces which attacked again yesterday with strong columns on a front west of the road from Riga to Mitau succeeded in broadening somewhat the terrain gained Jan. 5 on the Aa River, to-day's official statement said.

Elsewhere the enemy was angu-

larly repulsed.

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